



**Cllr Mary Jones**  
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**BY EMAIL**

Dear Cllr Jones

### **Cabinet Member Question Session – 13 May**

Thank you for your letter dated 12 July 2019. Please find responses to the question below.

*Provide more detail about the restoration of the Bascule Bridge, including costs*

The Morfa “Lifting Bascule” Bridge works consisting of the bridge removal, restoration and reinstatement; including restoration of the timber substructure are to be completed within the TRI funding programme April 2018 to March 2021 as the main funder of the scheme. The Bridge removal, restoration and reinstatement is being undertaken under the Swansea Highway Partnership, with Alun Griffiths Contractors as the main contractor. The lifting ‘bascule’ element of the bridge was successfully removed for repair on Sunday 14 July and has been transported to local firm Afon Engineering. Initial detailed survey works have been undertaken which will be used to establish the scale of restoration required now that close access and inspection can be safely undertaken. This will include review and hopefully reinstatement of the lifting mechanism, to be automated as a working attraction. A considered methodology of works is being scoped and agreed working

*Confirm the Council’s financial arrangement with the Swansea Yacht & Sub Aqua Club in relation to their management of moorings in the river*

Part of the river is leased to Swansea Yacht and Sub Aqua Club. The rent is £45,855 pa.

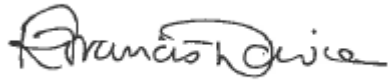
*Come back to the Committee to further discuss possible development of the seafront, following feedback from the PIN Notice and public consultation*

As a result of the PIN process and a concurrent public consultation exercise, one of the sites which is adjacent to The West Cross was removed from any further consideration.



Officers are hoping to bring a report to Cabinet in September/October to summarise responses and recommendations for future actions.

Yours sincerely



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